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1. ACCORDING TO WIDELY PUBLISHED PRESS REPORTS, MAJOR-GENERAL DAVID KRIEL, DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF POLICE IN CHARGE OF RIOT CONTROL TOLD TOWNSHIP WORKERS IN A STATEMENT ISSUED IN PRETORIA ON JUNE 14 THAT BLACKS WHO IGNORE THE STUDENT ORGANIZED WORK BOYCOTT AND ATTEMPT TO GO TO WORK ON JUNE 16 AND 17 WILL HAVE POLICE PROTECTION. HE SAID PUBLIC TRANSPORT WOULD ALSO BE PROTECTED AS WELL AS VEHICLES ENTERING THE TOWNSHIPS WITH ESSENTIAL FOODSTUFFS.

2. A SPOT CHECK BY THE RAND DAILY MAIL VERIFIED MOST JOHANNESBURG FIRMS WOULD NOT FIRE STAFF OR WORKERS WHO DO NOT REPORT TO WORK ON JUNE 16 AND 17. MOST COMPANIES, HOWEVER, WILL NOT PAY WORKERS WHO STAY AWAY. WOOLWORTHS' DIVISIONAL EXECUTIVE P.D. CONRADIE SAID HIS FIRM WOULD ALLOW STAFF TO MAKE UP WAGES LOST
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BY FILLING IN EXTRA WORKING DAYS OR HAVING THEIR LEAVE DOCKED. THE HEAD OF ANOTHER LARGE RETAIL CHAIN SAID A DECISION ON WHETHER OR NOT TO DOCK WAGES WOULD BE TAKEN LATER. QUOTE IF 85 PERCENT TURN UP WE WON'T BELIEVE THE OTHER 15 PERCENT. IF 15 PERCENT SHOW UP, WE WILL BELIEVE THE OTHER 85 PERCENT END QUOTE. OTHERS HAVE INDICATED THEY WILL TREAT EACH CASE INDIVIDUALLY.

IF BLACK WORKERS CAN PROVE THERE WAS INTIMIDATION, THEN
THEY WILL PAY THEM.

COMMENT:

AS WITH THE WORK BOYCOTTS LAST YEAR, BLACK
WORKERS AND THEIR EMPLOYERS ARE OBVIOUS PAWNS WITHIN THE
BROADER POWER PLAYS BY STUDENTS AND POLICE. KIRBY

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